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Statement

Chargers Recent Contract Proposal to the City

This is not "new" news. Last week, (August 7th), the City Council held a public hearing to inform the public of their decision to keep talking with the San Diego Chargers. It was a mutual decision by the City and the Chargers.

The City has highly respected consultants and outside lawyers who have advised them on these critical issues. The City Council did not accept any of the Chargers' recent offers regarding the ticket guarantee because they were not in the best interest of the City, and involved waiving important City rights under the contract.

Agreeing to binding arbitration waives the City's right to have a court and a jury decide important legal issues regarding the contract. At this time, the City Council cannot discuss those legal issues with the press because it would reveal the City's litigation strategy to the Chargers.

The City and the Chargers have agreed to keep negotiating towards a mutually acceptable agreement.

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